

APPLICATION

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Ag-Discovery 2011

ESSAY

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE PREPARE A 2-PAGE ESSAY WHICH ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(Essay must be typed or legibly written in blue or black ink)

- Why I Want to Attend the AG-Discovery Program at

(Insert the name of the participating university you would like to attend)

- What I Want to Learn
- What I Want to do When I Grow Up
- What are Some of my Hobbies and Interests

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PARENTAL RELEASE FORM

I certify that my child, _____, who is enrolled with this agreement, is in excellent health and may participate in strenuous physical activities associated with the Ag-Discovery Summer Enrichment Program. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless USDA-APHIS and the selected university, its officers, servants, agents and/or employees, contractors, and insurers from any and all claims for injuries sustained by my child during his/her participation in this program.

Permission is hereby granted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and _____ (Name of University) to use pictures and video (s) of my child in any promotional materials as well as to travel on field trips both in and out of State. Permission is granted in the agreement for my child to receive emergency medical treatment, if needed, and I certify there are no limits to my child's participation in the Ag-Discovery activities except as stated in writing and included with the medical history.

I understand and acknowledge that Ag-Discovery does not offer any medical insurance to protect against injuries, makes no claims to do so, and has no responsibility for any medical expenses incurred. I understand that each participant must assume the risk and any related financial responsibility that could result from participation in any of these activities. I agree to assume any risk and financial responsibility.

I have received a copy of the Student Contract, and I have reviewed it with my child.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student Contract

Acceptance into the Ag-DISCOVERY program is a privilege, but it also requires students and parents to assume certain responsibilities.

Student: I, _____ as a participant in AG- DISCOVERY, a summer youth enrichment program sponsored by USDA-APHIS and (_____)

insert university name

do hereby accept the conditions stipulated below:

1. I will participate in and be on time to all sessions and activities, unless excused by a staff member.
2. I will conduct myself in a respectful and courteous manner at all times.
3. I will sleep where assigned and realize that I will be in constant contact with people from varying cultures and ethnic affiliations.
4. I understand that there are guidelines regarding lights-out and bedtime and that there will be a bed check every night by a chaperone.
5. **I will not smoke or use drugs or alcohol during Ag-DISCOVERY and I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home immediately AT MY PARENT'S EXPENSE.**
6. **I will not engage in fraternization, cohabitation or co-mingling of any kind during the program. Friendships are encouraged from a plutonic standpoint only. Any disregard in this matter or any other infractions may be cause for dismissal from the program and parents alerted of the misconduct.**
7. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to equipment or facilities.
8. I understand that all profanity, horseplay, fighting, or inappropriate acts is prohibited.
9. I understand that other than a clock/radio, no electronic equipment (including TVs, portable radio/CD players, or computer games) will not be allowed.
10. There will be no aggressive behavior tolerated at any time. That includes fighting, bullying, cyber-bullying, undue persuasion, assault, cursing and general disregard for yourself and the people around you.
11. Student will respect the dormitories and other facilities on and off campus at all times.
12. The use of cell phones and other handheld devices is strictly prohibited during the presentations, any such misuse; the instrument will be confiscated until the end of the program.
13. Ag-DISCOVERY participants are not allowed to have personal vehicles on campus.
14. Appropriate attire will include khaki shorts, denim shorts, t-shirts, one-piece swimsuit, tennis shoes, and/or sandals. No student will be allowed to wear overly provocative or offensive clothing.
15. If there are any discrepancies of any kind they should be brought to the attention of supervision and handled accordingly, no infractions of any kind should be handled by the students.
16. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the Ag-DISCOVERY program.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

PICTURE and video RELEASE STATEMENT

As parent of _____ I fully understand the conditions stipulated above and hereby give full consent to USDA-APHIS and the selected university to reproduce my child's picture and video in future promotional material.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Checklist

A complete application package should include the following materials:

- Completed Signed Application
- 2-page Essay
- Parental Release Form
- Three Letters of Recommendation - one recommendation must be from a certified teacher or counselor
The letters must be mailed separately by respondents
- Proof of Age (copy of birth certificate, driver's license, etc.)
- Proof of School Enrollment
- Signed Student/Parent Contract and Signed Picture Release Statement

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

**Ms. Beatrice Jacobs
USDA, APHIS, Office of the Administrator
Civil Rights Enforcement and Compliance
4700 River Road, Unit 92
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234**

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